

Recreational Renaissance Plan B

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New Improvements

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is implementing many improvement projects statewide.

The Recreational Renaissance Plan B focus is implementing repairs

and maintenance at our state recreational facilities.

Along with these improvements, staff is working with volunteer groups at various recreational areas.



We're pleased to share with you our recent progress.

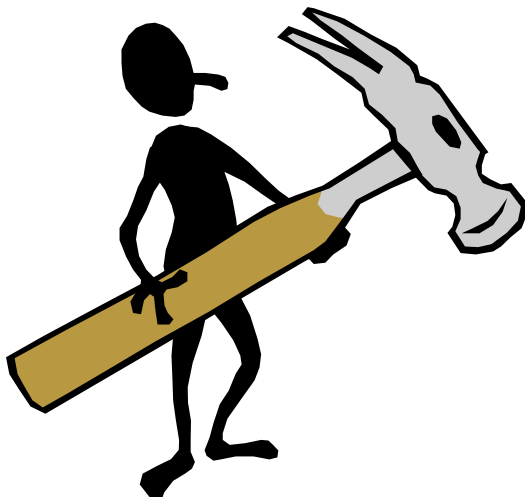
Aloha,

The DLNR
Recreational
Renaissance Team



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Maintenance Dredging Completed at Haleiwa Harbor and Begins at Waianae Harbor, Oahu

Maintenance dredging operations at the Waiʻanae Small Boat harbor are set to begin on Wednesday, January 27 to remove about 2,000 cubic yards of sediment from the entrance channel and along the inside of the breakwater. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2010.



Dredging will take place Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

During the dredging operations, the boat ramps and half of the entrance channel will remain open. Boaters are advised to exercise caution while crossing the dredging area. The entire entrance channel will be open on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Monday, Feb. 15 President's Day holiday.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District has contracted Trade West Construction, Inc. to perform maintenance dredging at the Hale'iwa and Waiʻanae Small Boat Harbors. The company recently completed its work at Hale'iwa Small Boat Harbor. Total contract cost is \$1,794,000 for both Hale'iwa and Waiʻanae harbors maintenance dredging.



Funding for the Hale'iwa work is provided in part by \$700,000 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The rest of the Hale'iwa project is funded by \$450,000 of regular appropriations. Waiʻanae is funded by \$644,000 of regular appropriations.

The two maintenance dredging projects are being implemented by the Army Corps of Engineers under their agreement with the State to maintain federal navigation improvements that were constructed by the Army Corps. Both Haleiwa and Waianae harbors were constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Federal navigation improvements typically consist of breakwaters, entrance and access channels. The State is responsible to construct and maintain inner harbor improvements.

Repaving and Striping 'Opaeka'a Falls Lookout in Wailua State Park, Kauai

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will close the 'Opaeka'a Falls lookout and parking area on Monday and Tuesday, February 1 and 2, 2010, for public safety while the parking area is resurfaced and striped.



"The 'Opaeka'a Falls lookout is one of the top visitor destinations in Wailua River State Park. These improvements are part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's ongoing efforts to upgrade our state parks statewide and to ensure safety and comfort for all residents and visitors who use the parks," said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

"The Department's Recreational Renaissance Plan B will continue to fix up these recreational areas as we know these places are important to locals and visitors," she said.

Appropriate signage and protective barriers will be utilized. The project contractor is Ka'iwa Construction, Inc and the contract cost is \$311,504. Funding was provided by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Completion is expected in early 2010.

"We thank park visitors for their cooperation as work progresses," said Thielen, "This project completes the full scope of improvements we planned for this lookout."

In 2007, a new comfort station and sewer system were constructed. In July 2009 construction began on walkway, guardrail replacement, a new viewing platform and parking area improvements that will comply with accessibility requirements.

'Opaeka'a Falls Lookout is located in Wailua, 2.5 miles south of Kapa'a, and 1.5 miles west from Kuhio Highway along Kuamo'o Road (Hwy. 580).

To read more visit <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/chair/pio/nr/2010/NR10-008.pdf>

Replacing Potable Water System at Wailoa State Recreation Area in Hilo, Hawaii.



Starting Monday, February 1, 2010, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will begin construction to replace the potable water system at Wailoa State Recreation Area.

The improvements include the replacement of the water main starting from its connection on Manono Street and running into park grounds. This water main will

connect with waterlines servicing the comfort station, three rental pavilions, service faucets; and a new accessible drinking fountain.

The park will remain open but there will be some inconvenience to park users during construction. The work will impact certain pathways to the pavilions and comfort station. In case water service to the park is disrupted, interim water service and portable toilets will be provided if needed.

“Wailoa River State Recreation Area is heavily used by Big Island residents as it provides a variety of recreational amenities including picnic pavilions that can accommodate large groups and events,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

“These long-awaited improvements are a key component of the Lingle-Aiona Administration’s ongoing efforts to upgrade our aging state parks facilities statewide, and to ensure public health and safety for those who use the parks,” she said.

“In conjunction with DLNR’s Recreational Renaissance, we are continuing to improve recreational areas because we know they are important to local families for picnicking, hiking, camping and other activities,” she said.

The contractor is BCP Construction of Hawai‘i and the project cost is \$168,000. The project is scheduled to be completed by August, 2010.

This 132-acre landscaped park is located in downtown Hilo and set around the Wailoa River at the end of Pi‘ilani Street. It is open daily during daylight hours for pleasure walking, quiet relaxation, informal games and events, picnicking, and access to fishing via the Wailoa boat ramp. Information services and cultural displays are available at Wailoa Visitor’s Center which is accessible off Pauahi through Piopio Street. There are restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, drinking water.

To read more visit <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/chair/pio/nr/2010/NR10-009.pdf>

Governor Lingle Releases Funds for Energy Efficiency Improvements at State Parks

Governor Linda Lingle has released \$1 million that will enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to implement energy and water efficiency and conservation improvements at state parks.

As part of DLNR's ongoing efforts to upgrade and modernize state parks and other outdoor recreational facilities statewide, the department will use the funds to design renewable energy sources to power park facilities such as water system pumps, sewer system pumps, booster pumps, trail lighting and rental cabins and kitchens.



The funding will allow DLNR to continue to replace and retrofit existing lighting fixtures and lamps, replace aging and inefficient appliances and water heaters, install water efficient fixtures, and implement energy and water conservation measures.



The funds will also be used to design renewable energy sources for facilities at various state parks and Mauna Kea State Recreation Area on Hawai'i. Construction of a pilot project may include one or more of these parks as funding will allow.

In fiscal year 2009, state parks expended over \$300,000 for electricity costs and close to \$460,000 for water and sewer costs.

"The shift to renewable energy sources and energy efficient lighting and appliances, coupled with water conservation and efficiency measures will result in costs savings that are needed to fund park operations and ongoing maintenance," said DLNR Director Laura H. Thielen.

The energy efficiency improvements are part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's continuing efforts to make State office buildings and facilities more energy efficient in order to reduce electricity costs and decrease Hawai'i's dependence on imported fossil fuels. This effort to lead by example supports the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative, which aims to have 70 percent of Hawai'i's energy come from clean sources by the year 2030, including 40 percent from renewable energy and 30 percent through energy conservation measures.

To read more visit <http://hawaii.gov/gov/news/releases/2009-news-releases/governor-lingle-releases-1-million-for-energy-efficiency-improvements-at-state-parks>